

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this eighteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-sixth.



PROCLAMATION 4118

## Loyalty Day, 1972

*By the President of the United States of America*March 22, 1972

### A Proclamation

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands . . ." From earliest school days most Americans know these words as they know their own names. They constitute a solemn promise of loyalty signed in the heart and paid off life-long in the currency of daily deeds, great and small—from the ultimate sacrifice of the soldier, to the conscientious vote of the citizen, to the productive labor of the working man or woman and the precious trust of the parent. Once again this May 1, we pause as a nation to ask ourselves how we can live our loyalty better.

Loyalty Day, although a far newer national observance than Independence Day, is in a sense equally important. Our July 4 celebration of the "unalienable rights" which America owes to each of us has meaning only as we balance it with lively awareness of the unalienable allegiance which each of us in turn owes to America.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, in accordance with the joint resolution of the Congress of July 18, 1958, do call upon the people of the United States, and upon all patriotic, civic and educational organizations, to observe Monday, May 1, 1972, as Loyalty Day, with appropriate ceremonies in schools and other suitable places.

72 Stat. 369.  
36 USC 162.

I further call upon appropriate officials of the Government to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on that day in witness of our "allegiance . . . to the Republic for which it stands."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 22nd day of March, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-two,

and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-sixth.



PROCLAMATION 4119

## Earth Week, 1972

March 24, 1972

*By the President of the United States of America*

### A Proclamation

For the Nation and for the world, there are few issues of greater moment than the quality of our environment. As civilizations have evolved, man has increasingly altered his world to accommodate his needs. Today, our immense technological expansion affects the earth more than at any earlier time.

The air, water, and natural resources of the earth are not inexhaustible, yet we continue to make major and often contradictory demands on these resources. If man is to preserve the natural heritage upon which his survival and the quality of his life depend, he must make resolute choices and fix uncompromising priorities.

The environmental awakening of recent years marks a new maturity in our attitudes toward the relationship of man to his surroundings. We have made a beginning, but it is only a beginning. Every American—and indeed, every citizen of the world—must endeavor by earnest and sustained effort to nurture this earth which we all share.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the period of April 17 through April 23, 1972, as Earth Week.

I call upon appropriate officials of the Federal Government and of State and local governments to encourage an understanding of the purposes of Earth Week, to observe the week through appropriate ceremonies, and to give special attention to the educating of our citizens in the preservation and enrichment of our natural environment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-fourth day of March, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-sixth.

